

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 17. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	53.7	58.5	66.7	57.9	54.9	61.6
• Passed 2 subtests	29.3	22.0	25.6	20.9	21.1	20.3
• Passed 1 subtest	17.1	14.6	7.7	12.8	14.0	10.6
• Passed no subtests	0.0	4.9	0.0	8.4	10.0	7.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	16.7%	13.1%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	25.0%	14.0%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	41.7%	43.7%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	85.0%	16.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	75.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	86.1%	17.4%	
Gender			
Male	76.2%	22.2%	
Female	94.7%	13.3%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	68.8%	11.1%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	95.8%	20.0%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	80.0%	11.1%	
Pay for lunch	94.1%	20.0%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	86.9%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	51.1%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$8,168	N/A	\$5,687	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	86.7%	Down from 88.8%	89.4%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	17.0 to 1	N/A	25.0 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=268)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	0.0%	N/A	11.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.4%	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	14.6%	Up from 9.9%	11.4%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=21)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.4 Days	Down from 11.4	7.0 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 96.7%	95.3%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	47.6%	No change	44.6%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.0%	Down from 90.5%	80.3%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.3%	N/A	84.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,588	Up 4.0%	\$36,913	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	8.6%	Up from 4.5%	2.3%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	54.2%	N/A	55.6%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	8.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	64.0%	N/A	64.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	15.7%	Down from 17.3%	12.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	33	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	9.8%	Down from 14.1%	6.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.3%	Up from 6.2%	10.3%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	14.9%	N/A	7.9%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	137	N/A	199	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	10.8%	N/A	27.9%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Branchville High School(BHS) started the 1999-2000 school year in a new facility.

Branchville High School proudly serves students in grades 7-12. We completed our second school year in our new facility. The campus is beautiful and provides our students and community with many new additions such as: three tennis courts, an eight-lane track, a soccer/athletic field, and lighted baseball and softball fields.

BHS has a comprehensive academic program. Our academic offerings include the NovaNet computer program, which is designed to enhance, reinforce and aid in the various subject areas. During the 2000-01 school year, two-way video conferencing classes were offered in the following courses: Spanish III, AP calculus, AP English, Statistics, Psychology, Sociology, and College English 101-102, and College History 101-102. Our science department was instrumental in presenting a successful science fair that showcased over one hundred ninety-five projects.

Our athletic and extracurricular activities provide students with other opportunities to succeed. Co-ed soccer was added to our sports program this past year. Our softball, baseball and volleyball teams were undefeated on the conference level.

Our five-year strategic/accountability plan has been completed and approved by the South Carolina Department of Education. Branchville High School has received accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The administration, faculty, and staff continue to work together to provide each student with a quality education.

Please come visit our school at any time. All are welcome.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	65.2	26.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.9	41.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	36.4	53.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 7-12 High School

Enrollment: 268 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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